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NEW PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR



The Johnson County Health Department is pleased to announce the appointment of Leon F. Vinci, DHA, to the position of public health director. Dr. Vinci has more than 25 years of public service experience, with a strong emphasis on local health administration. He also has private sector experience as a consultant for variety a of projects, including regional public health preparedness and state bioterrorism response planning.

Vinci earned a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and a masters degree in Public Health from Yale University. He received his doctorate in Health Administration (DHA) from Medical University of South Carolina. He has been a member of the faculty at Yale University, Wesleyan University, Southern Connecticut State University, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Nebraska (Omaha).

During his career, Vinci has served as a consultant to the US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the World Health Organization, a representative of the US Conference of Local Health Officers and has been an expert witness for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As director of public health, Vinci will lead the department in promoting health education, training, and wellness throughout the community; assisting in controlling and preventing public illnesses and communicable diseases; and providing targeted population-based primary care assistance and public health services.

Vinci comes to Johnson County after serving from 1998 to 2001 as health director for the Lincoln-Lancaster County, Neb. He left the public sector in 2001 to work as a consultant with Health Promotion Consultants in Lincoln.

Vinci replaces long-time director Bernice "Debby" Sullivan who retired in January 2006 after serving in that post for 28 years.

"I am excited about beginning my new post with Johnson County," Vinci said. "It's a wonderful area to live, and the health department is an excellent group of public health professionals. I look forward to joining the management team of Johnson County, and to leading our public health department."

PENNY SELBEE RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS OF SERVICE

Shawnee County Health Agency (SCHA) announces the retirement of Penny Selbee, RN, BSN, Maternal Child Health Division Manager. Penny has been an employee of the SCHA since September 8, 1964. Please help celebrate Penny's service to Shawnee County on Friday, March 31 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the SCHA Auditorium, 1615 SW 8th Ave., Topeka. Presentations and recognitions will be at 3:30 p.m.



NEW KAN BE HEALTHY COORDINATOR

Beverly Steele, RN, is the new Kan Be Healthy (KBH) coordinator for the Kansas Medicaid program. Beverly accepted the KBH coordinator position as an opportunity to learn and share with providers, state staff, and beneficiaries.

As a registered nurse for 23 years, Steele has had a wide variety of experiences including developmental disability services, psychiatry, general medical hospital nursing, home health, and Kansas Medicaid services. Years in the developmental disability fields taught Steele the importance of prevention, the value of early detection, and the benefits of timely intervention. You may reach Beverly at 785-274-5978 or email beverly.steele@ksxix.hcg.eds.com.



NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF KALHD

Sara Johnson is the new assistant director of Kansas Association of Local Health Departments (KALHD). She started her new job January 23. Sara has a bachelor's degree in business administration and more than 18 years of experience working for the state of Kansas. The last nine years she has been with the Kansas Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) as manager of administrative services. DISC provides computing and telecommunications services to the other state agencies. Sara worked on IT staffing and budget related issues. Before moving to DISC, Sara spent eight years with KDHE. Sara says her time at KDHE was beneficial as she learned of the services provided and their affect on the public. Sara is looking forward to working with the local health departments and learning more about their roles in public health. You may contact Sara at 785-271-8391 or email sjohnson@kansascounties.org.



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 3 - 9, 2006

"DESIGNING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: RAISING HEALTHY KIDS"



GO TO THE SOURCE

Who can hand out birth control pills and condoms at the local health department?

Local Health Departments that have Family Planning Clinics need to review their agency policy that has been written in conjunction with their contracting pharmacist to clarify what is allowable in their health department. It is highly recommended that health department staff review the most current versions of K.S.A. 65-1626 and K.S.A. 65-1648, available on-line at <http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-statutes>. Additionally, Appendix 7 of the *Family Planning/Women's Health Manual* includes a copy of the Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 68-7-18, as well as an October 1999 letter from the Kansas State Board of Pharmacy.



THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Alicia Parkman is the new outreach and planning specialist since Feb. 27. Alicia is completing a master's degree in sociology at the University of Kansas. Parkman has taken many courses in research and analysis, social policy, and special populations that directly pertain to the type of work she will be doing in the center. She has a diverse background which most recently includes teaching courses at KU - which she describes as "a great experience where I have learned much about forming relationships with others, thinking on my feet and responding to the unexpected, public speaking and educating." Alicia has also worked at a hospital in various capacities, so she has a basic

understanding of hospital administration, guidelines, and pressures that will be useful as she works with hospitals across the state.

Barry L. Autrey is the new rural planning specialist and started his new position on Mar. 6. Barry has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. He has four years law enforcement experience in which he rose to rank of assistant chief. Barry spent nine years in nuclear security at the Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Center where he rose to rank of lieutenant. Autrey has also been a response force team leader (SWAT trained) and participated in the National SWAT Team competition in 1989, 1990 and 1991. He has a strong background in procedural review and revision, which will be extremely useful in assisting health departments with developing the local guides and procedures.



Greg Morgan is the new contingency planner and his first day in his new position was Mar. 13. Greg was employed at the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) as an environmental scientist. He has a master's degree in plant pathology and spent a year at K-State as a research fellow on foreign animal disease. This project required working with local, state and federal agencies to develop a plan as it relates to livestock movement and quarantine. Greg's experience at KDOT, working with a variety of governmental and private partners, will be extremely valuable as he works with larger counties.



IN MEMORY



Larry McGlasson, 56, died suddenly Feb. 19 in Fredericksburg, Va., while on business and visiting his son. Larry provided dedicated leadership as the Kansas Abstinence Education consultant at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. He was committed to making abstinence education available to the young people in Kansas. Larry retired as a lieutenant colonel from the Air Force after 22 years of service. He and Dawn Marie Crowder were married in a garden near Wichita on June 3, 1973. He also leaves two daughters at home, Sara Beth and Janie, a high school senior and a sophomore, and two sons, Ben and Brady with families of their own. His three grandchildren Carter, Mia and Mason were the delight of his life and he was anticipating the birth of a fourth grandchild in a month. He is also survived by three sisters: Betty Barrick, Charlotte Shirley and Joan Jones, all of Glasgow, KY; a sister-in-law, Terry McGlasson and nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Geneva McGlasson, and a brother, Gary McGlasson. Funeral services and burial were Feb. 25 in Glasgow, KY. A memorial service with military honors was held Friday, March 3 at Topeka Bible Church. Published in the Topeka Capital-Journal on 3/1/2006.



HEALTHY KANSAS COMMUNITIES TOOLKIT

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is pleased to announce the development and distribution of the Healthy Kansas Communities Toolkit, developed by staff of KDHE with input from experts in other state and local agencies. The toolkit features an assessment tool which community groups can use to assess the current built environment's potential to integrate physical activity into daily routines. Furthermore, it is a resource guide to assist the community in identifying strategies to change or improve upon built environment issues.

www.pedbikeimages.org Dan Burden

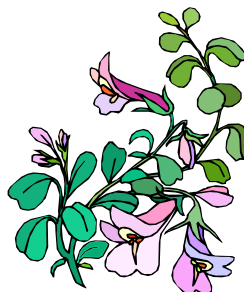


Growing evidence points to the critical role that community design plays in fostering – or inhibiting – an active lifestyle. Researchers, funders, and practitioners have become increasingly aware of close linkages between community design, land use patterns, and public health.

The rate of obesity among Kansas adults has increased by 70 percent since 1992 and costs Kansans over \$657 million per year. If current trends continue, one in every four dollars spent on health care will pay for obesity-related treatments by 2020. Making changes in the built environment holds great promise for helping to combat this serious public health threat. The potential for change inspired development of the toolkit.

The community assessment tool is designed to be used by local health leaders and community to identify strengths and needs of the built environment. Results of the assessment provide a valuable starting point in the development of an informed action plan to direct the community assets toward the most critical needs and priorities in improving the health of the citizens and protecting the environment. It is intended to be used as a community self-assessment and educational tool to increase awareness of the built environment's impact on the physical activity opportunities and health of the citizens.

The Healthy Kansas Communities Toolkit can be downloaded at www.kdheks.gov. The toolkit is also available on CD through the Office of Health Promotion at KDHE by calling 785-291-3742. For additional information or questions please call Cindy Winters, Office of Health Promotion at 785-296-8150.



KANSAS IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY



The Kansas Immunization Registry system, KSWebIZ, is a centralized birth to death database that maintains statewide immunization data that is: obtained through confirmed consent; complete and accurate; and shared by providers to ensure timely and non-duplicated vaccine coverage. KSWebIZ is an immunization registry for all types of providers, with no charge for the registry software.

The goal of KSWebIZ is to serve as a repository for immunization records (containing vaccination and demographic information) that are accurate, up-to-date, and complete. All information pertaining to each individual is consolidated into one non-duplicative history. The capture and maintenance of patient immunization records in this Internet accessible system enables end users, from both private and public entities, to accurately assess immunization status. Continuous enrollment of providers, who actively use the registry on an ongoing basis, will ultimately result in readily accessible and complete immunization health records.

KSWebIZ allows user to generate KCIs, Pink Books, and the Vaccine Documentation and Consent form, as well as other reports that summarize clinic immunization activity. The system has a recommender function that assists the provider in determining what immunizations are needed by the patient and can generate reminders for immunizations that are due or past due. KSWebIZ also has full inventory functionality and can generate the monthly immunization report for Immunization Program staff, eliminating the need to fax or email the report each month.

Legacy Data Imports and Interfaces

- Legacy data from local health departments is being extracted from PHClinic, a data management system used by 97 of the 105 counties. Data from 27 counties has been mapped and converted to KSWebIZ to date.
- Historical data will also be exported to the registry from QS, the public practice management system employed by four other local health departments.
- Legacy data extraction from CASA databases used by numerous private provider clinics has been accomplished.
- Legacy birth data [1994-2005] has been extracted from the Vital Statistics system and is and will continue to be imported nightly into KSWebIZ.

Note: On average 95 to 98 percent of all parents consent to have a child's record in the registry through the birth certificate registration process.

- An interface is being designed to capture immunizations that are administered at WIC clinics.
- An interface is being designed to capture immunization data from the state Medicaid system.
- Although a health plan advisory committee has been created to represent health plan end users who wish to use the registry to simplify HEDIS reporting, this committee will also be charged with researching the technical and legal issues that will need to be addressed in order to facilitate data extraction from their respective billing systems into the registry.
- As needed and as funding is secured, interfaces will be designed and implemented to extract legacy data from private providers' internal practice management systems.
- An interface is planned with the maternal and child health data system that is currently under development.

Current Status and Future Plans.

- Currently, during phase 1, the targeted counties and/or providers are those who are looking for a data management system for their immunization data only, and are willing to enter immunization transactions directly into KSWebIZ. If legacy data is available, it is extracted and cleansed by the KSWebIZ vendor and returned for review by each respective clinic. The data is then loaded, end users are trained, and the site is set to go live!

Note: Private providers who participate in the Vaccine for Children program will be the first to be enrolled as KSWebIZ users.

- At this time we are targeting implementation to those who give immunizations, with the idea of getting the box of information so complete that it will be of value to other eventual end users (school nurses, foster care, etc.).
- We have about 22 health departments enrolled as users at this time and eight private providers. There are 26 private providers on a waiting list for training, with another 12 health departments indicating an interest in KSWebIZ implementation. The health departments who are on the system at this time chose

to discontinue their use of PHClinic since they only used the system for immunizations. As stated above, data was extracted from PHClinic and imported into the registry. Now all of their immunization business is done in KSWebIZ, and they can share all of their data with all other providers currently on the system.

- Next, during phase two, information will be imported from and/or exchanged between all local health departments who are currently using PHClinic or QS. The same data exchange process will be utilized for those private providers currently using internal practice management systems. The design and implementation of interfaces for these local health departments and private providers will enable end users to continue using their internal practice management systems. Immunization data will be exchanged between KSWebIZ and these internal provider systems in a seamless fashion, thereby eliminating the need for end users to enter data two times into two separate systems.

HIPAA Compliance, Patient Privacy and Confidentiality, and Data Security

- Security measures are in compliance with HIPAA and Kansas's confidentiality statutes.
- The proposed solution provides public access of state databases to entities authorized by KSA 65-531 to share immunization information. Each "participant" will be enrolled in the system, and based on the "participant profile" will be granted appropriate privileges. Participant profiles are maintained by a limited number of Kansas Registry Program staff.
- Security and privacy are secured through the employment of standard access policies and protocols.

Registry staff is currently demonstrating KSWebIZ across the state. Local health departments will be informed of scheduled demonstrations and, given the opportunity to attend, gain a better understanding of how the system works. We encourage your attendance at any of these offerings and are anxious to answer questions about the immunization registry. Registry staff maybe contacted by phone or email if you have questions about KSWebIZ status:

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Mike Parsons 785-296-3975, 785-207-0358 or mparsons@kdhe.state.ks.us

Deb Warren 785-296-8119 or dwarren@kdhe.state.ks.us.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2nd, Hutchinson 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 24 July 26 Sept. 27 Nov. 21

North Central Region: Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for location of each meeting. Dates are:

Apr. 25 June 27 Aug. 22 Oct. 24 Dec. 19

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 8 Sept. 14 Dec. 14

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. contact Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for a lunch reservation at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Apr. 13 June 8 Aug. 10 Oct. 12 Dec. 7

Southeast Region: Meetings are held 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 W 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 11 Aug. 3 Nov. 9

Southwest Region: Meetings are held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9th, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

May 19 July 14 Sept. 15 Nov. 17

ORAL HEALTH KANSAS RECEIVES PLANNING GRANT



Oral Health Kansas has received a planning grant from America Society for State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) to develop a vision and strategies to ensure Optimum Oral Health for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

In December, with a grant from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Kansas Head Start Association and Kansas Chapter, AAP, conducted a similar planning process for the greater Wichita area.

Wichita's planning activities resulted in an assessment the community's assets and needs, methods to keep children cavity-free, and an oral health coalition of providers who already serve children with special needs and their families. This planning process was based on proven strategies of parent involvement, coalition building, community asset management, and oral health research and demonstration projects. The planning process included a range of people supporting children with special needs: families, caregivers, early childhood educators, physicians, nurses, physical therapists, speech therapist, language therapists, play therapists, occupational therapists, autism specialists, social workers, family advocates, agency administrators, dentists and dental hygienists.

For a copy of the final report and/or for links to Websites discussing optimum oral health for children with special needs, please contact Marcia Manter, Projects Coordinator, Oral Health Kansas, mmanter@aol.com

MISSION OF MERCY



Left to right: Vicki Lutz, Doris Tompkins, and Linda Hinkle

Stafford County Health Department personnel volunteered at the 2006 Kansas Mission of Mercy in Wichita on January 28. Doris Tompkins and Vicki Lutz, nurses at the health department conducted health screenings, and Linda Hinkle, office clerk, was responsible for directing screened individuals to their proper place for, i.e., numbing, cleaning, x-ray, extraction, filling etc. Over 1200 individuals received free dental care that day.

Stafford County Health Department staff plans to assist at the Mission of Mercy next year in Topeka.

CONFERENCES

2006 Governor's Public Health Conference "PUBLIC HEALTH IN KANSAS: TAKING STEPS TOGETHER" April 11 and 12 and MCH training continues April 12 and 13, 2006 Hyatt Regency, Wichita, Kansas



The Kansas Public Health Spring Conference has been designated the 2006 Governor's Public Health Conference. Governor Sebelius, along with KDHE Secretary Bremby and Dr. Rodenberg, are tentatively scheduled to open the conference, which will focus on partnering and taking steps together to make our communities in Kansas healthier places to live and grow. Previous spring conferences (**MCH Conference, KPHA Conference, and the Public Health Nursing Conference**) are being combined to decrease participant time away from work, increase the variety of offerings, and create an atmosphere where people can network with others to increase professional

competency and reach Healthy People 2010 goals for Kansas. Registration is now available at the KS Learning Management System, KS-TRAIN, at <http://ks.train.org>.

KDHE Announces April Health Disparities Conference 'Save the Date' and Create Healthy Kansas Communities



Gov. Kathleen Sebelius will deliver opening remarks at the 2006 Health Disparities Conference: Healthy Cultures, Healthy Kansas, sponsored for the second year by KDHE, on April 14. It will be held from 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Maner Conference Center / Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka.

Dr. David R. Williams, a nationally recognized author and researcher on social influences on health, will return to Kansas as the conference's keynote presenter. Williams, a University of Michigan Professor, is a nationally recognized author and researcher on social influences on health and is interested in the trends and determinants of socioeconomic and racial differences in mental and physical health.

At the conference a Kansan will be recognized for their work as a community champion for efforts to improve the public health of racial and ethnic populations across the state. A 'Taste of Cultures' Legislative and Constituent Networking Reception will be held on Thursday, April 13 from 5 – 9 p.m. as part of its conference early registration period.

Displays, presentations, networking with friends and colleagues, and making new connections will all be part of the one-day conference. Health professionals and community champions from across Kansas and the Midwest will share best practices through seminars, presentations and displays to learn about new strategies and resources to improve the health of diverse racial and ethnic populations across the state.

Registration and conference materials are available on the Web to organizations and individuals specializing in improving the health of racial and ethnic populations in Kansas.

For more conference information, e-mail: minorityhealth@kdhe.state.ks.us or go to <http://www.minorityhealthks.org>.

Community Preparedness for the Next Pandemic in Kansas

The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) is sponsoring a series of upcoming conferences titled, "Responding to Emerging Infections: Community Preparedness for the Next Pandemic in Kansas." KDHE is a co-sponsor.



Accreditation: The conferences are accredited for continuing education credit as follows: CME-6.75; CNE-8.1; EMS-8.1. All other professions will receive a certificate of attendance that may be submitted for relicensure.

Registration Fee: is \$75. Register on KS-TRAIN at: <http://ks.train.org>.

Dates and Sites:

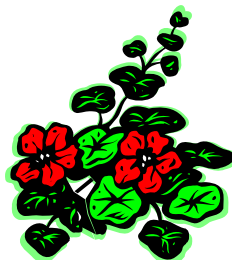
- April 5: Garden City, Plaza Hotel
- April 10: Salina Bicentennial Center

The primary goals of pandemic influenza preparedness and response are to minimize serious illnesses and deaths and also to curtail societal disruption. Each Kansas community should have an unique contingency plan developed through the coordinated efforts of all levels of community stakeholders. Communities must be prepared to respond independently to at least the initial impacts of a disaster, because external resources and support might not be immediately available.

Topics:

- Avian Influenza: The Virus and Its History
- Statewide and Community Preparedness: Roles of Professions
- Methods of Containment and Surveillance
- Business Continuity: The Economic Impact of Diseases
- Hospital Safeguards: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina
- Self-Care During a Pandemic Influenza
- Coping with Sudden Loss and Grief

If you have any questions, please contact: Marta Skalacki, Project Manager, Kansas Anti-Terror Training for Health Professionals, University of Kansas Medical Center, work: 913-588-4543, fax: 913-588-4486.





Tabletop Exercises for Public Water Supply Systems

The KDHE, Bureau of Water is partnering with the Adjutant General's Office, Division of Emergency Management, to present a number of table top exercises directed towards public water supply systems in Kansas. Exercise scenarios will address water contamination and other emergency events. Watch for information announcing exercise presentations in you area. If you wish to host a public water supply oriented tabletop exercise for you community, please reply to Steve Paige at SPaige@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Train the Trainer Incident Command System 100 – 400

Emergency Management Institute & Kansas Emergency Management is presenting Incident Command System (ICS) 100-400 Train the Trainer on April 18-21 in Garden City. Prerequisites for this is IS-100 Introduction to ICS



Speaking a Common Language: The New Voice of Public Health

The Conference Committee invites you to submit a presentation for the 2006 Fall Public Health Conference, which will be held Sept. 26-28 in Topeka. The conference will focus on creating a common language for public health in communities and in the workforce. There will be approximately 20 breakout sessions to give you the opportunity to share your successes and innovative programs with a wide audience. Presentations need to be approximately one hour long.

The 2006 Conference goals are to:

- Share best practices to promote partnership in public health
- Increase effectiveness of public health leadership and management roles
- Increase public health workforce competency

Presentation selection will be based on the significance to population-based public health, relevance to conference goals, and interest to target audience. Topics to be considered include, but are not limited to, those that reflect the following KPHA sections and functions:

- Administrative Health
- Child/Family and Community Health
- Research and Evaluation
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Infectious Disease
- Oral Health
- Tobacco, Substance Use, Mental Health



The Conference Program Committee reserves the right to select and schedule any accepted presentation at any time during the Conference. No honorarium will be given. Speakers will receive a one-day registration waiver on the day on which they present.

All proposals must be received by April 14. Incomplete proposals may not be reviewed. Please attach a biography and resume/vita to the Call for Presentations for all proposed presenters. Identify on the attached "Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals" sheet the core competencies that will be reflected in your presentation. Please submit to Cyndi Treaster at ctreaste@kdhe.state.ks.us. Contact Cyndi by e-mail or phone at call (785) 296-8113 if you have any questions.

Position Open in Johnson County Health Department



The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a Clinical Program Aide on a full-time basis. Will assist Physician/ARNP in exam room for Family Planning and Prenatal exams as well as assisting nurses in clinic flow. Assists in management of educational material and educational videos.

Requires Vo-tech training in medical assistant or Certified Nurses Aide. Must have one year of experience in medical office or health related setting, and know medical terminology. Knowledge of a second language is helpful. The successful candidate must possess a valid driver's license and will be exposed to fumes and/or chemicals; travel required up to 10 percent. Apply on-line at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax 913-715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061.

RESOURCES & LINKS

UCLA Disaster Plan Guidebook. The UCLA Center for Public Health and Disasters has published "Writing a Disaster Plan: A Guide for Health Departments." The guide walks through the development of a comprehensive disaster plan and includes sections on legal preparedness, including examples of disaster-related laws from federal, state, and local sources. To download the guidebook, users must register with the UCLA site and obtain a password. See <http://www.cphd.ucla.edu>.

New Look for CDC Public Health Law Web Site

The CDC Public Health Law Program has redesigned and updated its Web site. The Program has deleted many older materials on the site and added new ones. Over the next few months, the Program plans to add many more materials, especially on emergency legal preparedness. According to Dr. Frederic E. Shaw, a medical officer/attorney at the program, "For now, we have revamped the site to make it better organized and easier to navigate. In the future, we plan to make our site a portal for a broad collection of electronic information on public health law." Shaw said the Public Health Law Program has recruited a team of expert volunteers to help provide new content for the site. To see the new site, visit: <http://www2a.cdc.gov/phlp>.

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**Disaster Preparedness:** Preliminary Observations on the Evacuation of Hospitals and Nursing Homes Due to Hurricanes. GAO-06-443R, February 16. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-443R>

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"Standing Together: An Emergency Planning Guide for America's Communities" The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. 2005.
http://www.jcaho.org/about+us/public+policy+initiatives/planning_guide.pdf.

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 Find articles and PowerPoint Presentations from the March 6-7 **The Committee on the Development of Reusable Facemasks for Facemasks** in Context for Fighting Flu - Health Care Workers & the General Public - Richard Garwin, Ph.D. Protection During Pandemic Influenza  
<http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3740/32033/32342.aspx>

## KS-TRAIN TIPS

### Please update your KS-TRAIN account:

Click **"My Account"** in the "My Learning Record" **blue** file folder on the right hand side of the home page. Update information as indicated. Click the "Save" button. To change your Login name the KS-TRAIN Administrator will need to be contacted at [dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us)

### To find LIVE events posted on KS-TRAIN.

Click the "Calendar" icon on the left hand menu of the homepage, or the "Calendar": Tab on the gray KS-TRAIN taskbar, or the "Upcoming Events" **blue** file folder on the right hand side of the homepage, or "Course Search" on the gray KS-TRAIN taskbar, then Browse 'Kansas.' To put the courses in alphabetical order, click the word "title" in the **blue** header above the course titles.

### New postings @ <http://ks.train.org>

- **Safe Mail Handling:** This course is intended to provide guidance to both private and governmental employees that handle mail on a daily basis. Recognition and isolation of suspicious packages and letters, personal decontamination, and personal protective clothing as well as how to conduct a threat assessment are discussed in this course. Participants should expect to spend around 20 minutes to complete the entire course.
- **Agroterrorism: Understand Roles of First Responders:** This terrorism/emergency readiness course is presented by: Terry Knowles, (Ret) Deputy Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, & James Lane, Undersheriff, Ford County Sheriff's Office. We recommend that you view this hour-long Web-based course through a high-speed internet access. At the end of this course learners will be able to:
  - List at least two Kansas agroterrorism threats, vulnerabilities and challenges
  - \*Define roles of Law Enforcement and First Responders in relation to an agroterrorism event



- Describe the importance of planning, response and exercises for successful agroterrorism intervention
- List agroterrorism preventative measures
- [Home Visitation Training](#), May/June, Topeka
- [JVS: Cultural Competency for a Changing World](#), May 10-11, Wichita and May 24-25, Holton
- [Medical Management of the Contaminated Pt](#), March - June, multiple sites in Kansas
- [Risk Communication Seminar](#), April 18, Pittsburg
- [KS-TRAIN Course Provider Training](#), April 25 & May 10, Topeka
- [EPA Region 7: Toxic Release Inventory \(TRI\) Training Sessions](#), April 27, Kansas City, KS
- [WMD Mass Prophylaxis Preparedness and Planning](#) (Southeast Jurisdictions), May 15-16, Chanute
- [WMD Mass Prophylaxis Technical Assistance](#) (Southeast Jurisdictions), May 17, Chanute

## TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

### Cultural Competency Training



Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

#### SW Kansas – Garden City

Apr. 5 – 6                      8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Area SRS Building  
1710 Palace Drive  
Garden City, KS

#### Central Kansas - Emporia

Apr. 12 – 13                      8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Newman Regional Health  
Continuing Education, Classroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Enter from the Visitor's Entrance  
1201 West 12<sup>th</sup>  
Emporia, KS

#### SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 – 11                      8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
University of Kansas School of Medicine -  
Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room 1306  
Wichita, KS

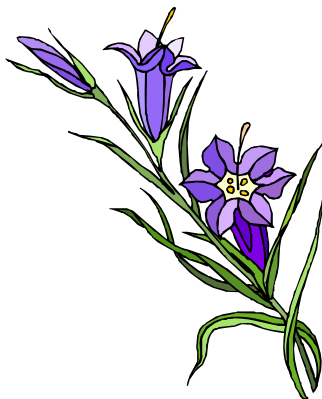
#### NE Kansas – Holton

May 24 – 25                      8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Head Start Building – Annie Laurie Johnson  
Child & Family Development Center  
130 S. Iowa  
Holton, KS  
(Parking at First Baptist Church, 404 Juniper Street)

#### NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 – 14                      8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Catholic Charities  
425 W. Iron, Board Room  
Salina, KS

For more information or to register, please contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).





### Medical Interpreter Training

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

#### NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 – 9                      8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Riley County Health Department  
2030 Tecumseh Road  
Manhattan, KS

#### SC Kansas – Wichita

June 26-30  
Site location to be announced

For more information on Medical Interpreter Training or to register, contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108, or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).

### Billing Workshops

**NE Billing Group** meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:

May 11                      Aug. 3                      Nov. 2

**Billing Biddies** meets from 9 a.m. – noon. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:

June 7                      Sept. 6                      Dec. 6

**Billers Anonymous** meets from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:

May 10                      Aug. 9                      Nov. 8

**Mission Impossible Group** meets from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:

May 25                      Aug. 24                      Nov. 21

**KUG's** next meeting is April 7 from 9 a.m. – noon. For more information contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191 [mmiller@satantahospital.org](mailto:mmiller@satantahospital.org).

**Billers-R-U's** meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information call Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390.

Apr. 11                      July 11                      Oct. 10



### GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: <http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>



#### Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training>



**KAN Be Healthy RN** orientation and training:

<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

## Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp> Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-296-3641 for assistance.

### April Satellite Downlinks and Webcasts

You can register for most of these programs and view them from your desktop if your security system allows you to view Webcasts. KDHE employees or others unable to view Webcasts can contact Linda Frazier 785-296-3641, e-mail: [lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us) to set up a viewing site in Topeka or any district office. Other available sites are available throughout the state and you can contact Linda for a list of those sites.

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| <b>04/03/06</b><br>12:00-1:30 PM     | <b>Public Health to the Rescue: Emergency Response is Now a Core Service</b><br><br>For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .                                                                                             |
| <b>04/06/06</b><br>12:00 - 1:30 PM   | <b>Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Collecting POD Exercise Data</b><br><br>View <a href="#">course overview</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>04/10/06</b><br>2:00-4:00 PM      | <b>Assessing Interpersonal Violence</b><br><br>For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>04/19/06</b><br>11:30 - 1:30 PM   | Albany Medical College presents:<br><b>Hepatitis B &amp; C With HIV Co-infection: A Diagnostic &amp; Treatment Update</b><br><br>For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.amc.edu/patient/hiv/hivconf/index.htm">http://www.amc.edu/patient/hiv/hivconf/index.htm</a> , e-mail: <a href="mailto:ybarraj@mail.amc.edu">ybarraj@mail.amc.edu</a> , or call 518.262.4674. |
| <b>04/19/06</b><br>12:00-1:30 PM     | <b>Chemical Disasters</b><br><br>For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>04/25/06</b><br>12:00-1:30 PM     | <b>Coordination of Public Health Response to Katrina In Mississippi</b><br><br>For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .                                                                                                  |
| <b>04/26/06</b><br>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute Presents:<br><b>"Communications, News, Equipment &amp; Training"</b><br><br>For more information on this free WMD program, visit: ComNET 26 April or contact Ed Kronholm at 877-820-0305 or email: <a href="mailto:dltnets@aol.com">dltnets@aol.com</a> .                                                                        |
| <b>04/27/06</b><br>12:00 - 2:00 PM   | <b>Social Networks: A Recruitment Strategy for HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral Services</b><br><br>For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cdcnpin.org">www.cdcnpin.org</a> (go to "Satellite Broadcasts")                                                                                                                                                       |

## Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

## Public Health Emergency Training

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

**Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media.** Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sept. 2005

<http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/>

## AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

**NW Kansas** – Register or call 785-628-6128

**SW Kansas** – Register or call 620-275-0259

**SE Kansas** – Register or call 620-235-4040

## To Order Tapes/CDs:

**Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:** <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

**CDC BT programs:** <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

**Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA**

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

**Risk Communication Courses:**

<http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html> or in Spanish

<http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html>

## Nursing Education

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

**KU Nursing:** KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:

[http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Wichita State University:** online RN to BSN:

[http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp\\_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/](http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program-** <http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:

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**ANA's Web site:** <http://www.RNCE.org>

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### Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network: <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars: <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings  
<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine – <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training – <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:  
[http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc\\_preparedness.htm](http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm)

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

### Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:  
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice: <http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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